

Constitution

of the

Federation of
Middlesex Beekeepers'
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Name

The name of the Federation is "The Federation of Middlesex Beekeepers' Associations".

Objectives

The Objectives of the Federation will be to promote and further the craft of beekeeping, to advance the education of the public in the importance of bees in the environment, to fulfil the criteria of the British Beekeepers Association for an Area Association and be affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association.

Management

Management of the Federation is by a Committee that will meet not less than 3 times per year.

The Committee will consist of three honorary officers, namely Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, together with further representatives from the Member Associations. Each Member Association is entitled to nominate two representatives to serve on the Federation committee. Each year, the three honorary officers will be elected at the Federation's AGM from amongst the nominated representatives

Officers may stand for re-election at successive AGMs.

The quorum for any committee meeting is 5 and must include two of the three officers.

In the event of representative(s) (other than officers) being unable to attend a committee meeting, an Association may arrange for substitute(s) to attend.

<p>Voting at Committee is expected to be on the basis of one vote per Representative present but, any Member of the committee may request a Vote of Registered Members (either immediately before or immediately after a vote has been taken). A Vote of Registered Members takes precedence over a Representative Vote and entitles each Member Association to record one vote for every capitation paying member.</p>	<p>Or</p>	<p>Voting at Committee shall be on the basis of one vote per Representative present</p>
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Membership

The Federation consists of independent Member Associations, at the time of initial ratification these comprise:

Ealing and District Beekeepers Association,
 Enfield and District Beekeepers Association,
 Harrow Beekeepers' Association,
 North London Beekeepers,
 Pinner and Ruislip Beekeeping Association.

Any other Beekeeping Association may apply to join the Federation, and if provisionally accepted by the Committee and this acceptance confirmed at an AGM of the Federation, it becomes a Federation Member.

Finances

The financial year of the Federation will run from 1st January to 31st December.

<p>Member Associations will pay capitation annually to the Federation, this is a sum set by the Committee to cover every member of each Member Association. For assessment of this 'Federation capitation', members to be counted for payment are those who have been declared to and listed by the British Beekeepers Association as having some class of BBKA membership.</p>	<p>OR</p>	<p>Member Associations will pay an annual subscription to the Federation, the sum to be set annually by the Committee. The sum to be paid by will be the same regardless of the number of members of the Member Association.</p> <p>In addition Member Associations will pay to the Federation the sum that is due from them to the British Beekeepers Association in respect of Capitation for their Members, for payment to the BBKA</p>
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All funds of the Federation are solely for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Federation.

Enfranchisement

<p>Individual members of Associations which comprise the Federation and on whose behalf Federation capitation has been paid are entitled to vote at general meetings, to be appointed as a representative, or to be elected to hold office.</p>	<p>OR</p>	<p>Individual members of Associations which comprise the Federation and on whose behalf BBKA capitation has been paid are entitled to vote at general meetings, to be appointed as a representative, or to be elected to hold office.</p>
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Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of the Federation will be held no later than the 30th April in each calendar year.

An annual report and independently audited accounts will, so far as possible,

be presented by the Secretary and the Treasurer respectively. Should audited accounts not be available at the AGM, unaudited accounts will be presented. The audited accounts will then be circulated to secretaries of Member Associations and to all Federation committee members as soon as possible afterwards.

Nominations for officers of the Federation with the approval of any candidate can be made before or at the AGM. Officers will be elected at the AGM by vote of enfranchised members present.

The duly elected officers will take up office at the end of the AGM.

Special General Meetings

A Special General Meeting can be called by the Committee, by the Chairperson with one other officer or by no less than 20 members drawn from at least two Member Associations

The quorum for both the Annual and Special General Meetings will be 30 members.

Notice of meetings

(a) Notice with agenda for the AGM and of any Special General Meeting will be sent eight weeks in advance to the secretaries of Member Associations.

(b) Notice with agenda for Committee Meetings will be circulated to Committee Members four weeks in advance.

Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution can be made only by a General Meeting with proposed changes having been detailed in the agenda.

Amendments become operational immediately after the vote at which they are accepted.

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Dissolution of the Federation

Dissolution can take place only if approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of members present and voting at an Annual or Special General Meeting. In the event of the Federation being wound up, after any liabilities of the Federation have been met, any funds held by the Federation will be transferred to the British Beekeepers Association or its successor body.

Withdrawal from the Federation

Any constituent Member Association can leave the Federation conditional only upon it having first discharged its share of any financial liability of the

Federation (this share to be determined in consultation with the Treasurer and committee). So long as three Member Associations remain in the Federation possible dissolution will not be triggered.

This Constitution was accepted at the Annual General Meeting on the day of 2010

Signed

Andrew Pedley,
President

Jo. Telfer
Secretary

Mary Ogle
Treasurer

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